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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON APR 6 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE CAN THO 0172:

E.O. 11652: GDF

TAGS: PINS MOPS VS

SUBJECT: MR 4 COMMANDER MORALE IMPROVES

1. MR 4 COMMANDER, MG NGUYEN KHOA NAM, APPEARED MORE CONFIDENT AND OPTIMISTIC WHEN I SAW HIM LAST NIGHT THAN HE HAS IN PAST TWO WEEKS. IN RELAZED, JUCULAR FASHION, HE SAID HE HAS NO INTENTION LEAVING CAN THO ON CONTRARY, HE HAS LONG TERM PROJECT TO MARRY LOCAL LADY. MY OFFER SERVE AS MATCHMAKER AND BEST MAN WAS GRACEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

2. NAM EXPECTING UPSURGE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE HAS STRENGTHENED ARVN 9TH DIV IN MOC HOA AREA AND IS CONFIDENT IT CAN DEAL WITH THREAT FROM ELEMENTS OF NVA 5TH AND 3RD DIVISIONS NOW IN KIEN TUONG (P). SOUTH OF CAN THO, NAM PLANNING ARMORED CAVALRY THRUST INTO REAR OF NVA 4TH DIVISION ELEMENTS IN SOUTHERN PHONG DINH (P) TO DISRUPT THEIR SUPPLY LINES. IN GENERAL NAM EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE HIS ABILITY TO HANDLE PRESENT LEVELS OF NVA/VC STRENGTH IN MR4. DAUBTS HE WILL RECEIVE ANY REINFORCEMENT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE FROM OUTSIDE DELTA. BUT HOPEFUL NVA WILL NOT SEND ADDITIONAL UNITS TO REGION BEFORE HE HAS TIME REORGANIZE AND UPGRADE RF AND PF TO INCREASE AVAILABLE
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COMBAT STRENGTH.

3. NAM CLAIMED HE OUT TOUCH WITH POLITICAL MOVES IN SAIGON.
ASKED WHETHER PRIME MINISTER KHIEM HADHBEEN PUSHED OUT OF OFFICE
OR HAD RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY? WAS MOST EMPHATIC AN NEED TO RETAIN
DR. DAN AS MIN SOCIAL WELFARE AT TIME WHEN COUNTRY FACING
MASSIVE REFUGEE PROBLEMS. SIGNED MCNAMARA UNQUOTE
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